



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kazuo OKADA

Application No.: 10/697,238

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For: GAMING MACHINE

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Examiner: R. Hsu

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated November 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1 and 3-13 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 8-13 are added.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)